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1. OVER THE WEEKEND, THE NEGATIVE PRESS REACTION IN GREECE TO THE APPOINTMENT OF AMBASSADOR SCHAUFELÉ SUBSIDED NOTICEABLY, AND THE MONDAY AFTERNOON EDITIONS, EXCEPT FOR TO VIMA'S LEFTIST SISTER, TA NEA, HAVE ALL BUT DROPPED THE STORY. TA NEA TODAY (JULY 25) HEADLINED "KISSINGER: SCHAUFELÉ MUST BE SAVED" AND POINTS AN EFSTATHIADES ACCOUNT FROM NEW YORK SAYING THAT THE

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FORMER SECRETARY SUPPORTS THE SCHAUFELÉ NOMINATION AND FINDS UNACCEPTABLE THAT THE GREEK PRESS COULD DEFAME AN AMERICAN DIPLOMAT. THE STORY CLAIMS THAT THE "ASKEW COMMITTEE" HAD RECOMMENDED OTHER CANDIDATES TO BE THE ENVOY TO ATHENS, BUT THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT BUREAUCRACY HAD SUCCESSFULLY IMPOSED AMBASSADOR SCHAUFELÉ ON THE WHITE HOUSE. EFSTATHIADES ALSO ATTACKS THE DEPARTMENT FOR WAGING A CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE

PROFESSIONALISM OF GREEK JOURNALISM.

2. THE WEEKEND PRESS GENERALLY EXPRESSED SATISFACTION AT THE COURSE OF EVENTS CONCERNING THE SCHAUFLE APPOINTMENT. SOME NEWSPAPERS, ESPECIALLY OPPOSITION, LIBERAL TO VIMA, ATTACKED US OFFICIALS FOR ATTEMPTING TO DISPARAGE GREEK JOURNALISM. OTHERS ADOPTED THE HOSTILE LINE THAT THE SCHAUFLE TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SFRC REFLECTED THE TRUE US INTENTIONS TOWARDS GREECE. SUNDAY'S ELEFTHERTYPIA CARRIED A "HISTORICAL" REPORT CITING STATEMENTS FROM PREVIOUS AMERICAN AMBASSADORS WHICH "PROVE" THE US IS NOT FRIENDLY TOWARDS GREEK NATIONAL INTERESTS.

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